

Camino del Norte out-and-back NC7

Santander – Santiago – Circular tour

The Camino del Norte – out-and-back – to combine with ferry travel or connections to Bilbao and Santander



Summary

Follow close to one of the original pilgrimage routes of St James yet never far from the beautiful coastline of Northern Spain with the backdrop of the Cordillera de Cantabria mountains.

From start to finish you'll find great walking, spectacular scenery, historic towns and monumental cities.

One of the main attractions must be the superb food and wine. From Michelin stars to home cooked local market produce and wines of Rioja, Albariño and Ribera del Duero, to name but a few there's just so much to discover...



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- 'Way of St James', steeped in history
- Spain's most beautiful beaches
- World class wines and gastronomy
- Breathtaking mountain scenery
- Magnificent cities, unspoilt villages
- Ancient architecture to ultra modern Guggenheim

Travel Tips:

- **Stansted:** to Bilbao with Easyjet or to Santander, Santiago and Vigo with Ryanair
- **Heathrow:** A Coruña with BA
- **Gatwick:** to Bilbao with BA or Asturias with Vueling or Santiago with Easyjet
- **Manchester:** to Bilbao with Easyjet
- **Edinburgh:** to Santander with Ryanair or Bilbao with Easyjet
- **Dublin:** Santander or Vigo with Ryanair / Santiago or Bilbao with Aer Lingus
- **Bristol:** Bilbao with Easyjet
- **Ferries** Portsmouth or Plymouth: Santander or Bilbao – 5 sailings weekly. We can include the ferry crossings as part of the package



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Santander		
1	Days 1 to 3	Central Asturias	Libardon	HLIB1 Historic hotel, near coast, 1 x Double room (2 sharing) + Home cooked dinner for two, 1st night	1hr 40mins
2	Day 4 & 5	North Galicia	Senra	HSEN1 Country hotel, Costa Lucense, 1 x Double room (2 sharing) + Home cooked dinner for two, 1st night	2hrs 40mins
3	Day 6 & 7	Santiago	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC1 City hotel with garden, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 20mins
4	Day 8 & 9	Western Asturias	Puerto de Vega	HPDV1 Coastal hotel in picturesque fishing port, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs 20mins
5	Day 10 & 11	Picos de Europa	Pesaguero	HPES1 Mountain posada with pool, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 50mins
6	Day 12 to 14	Coatal Cantabria	Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 Historic town hotel with pool, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Santander		30mins to Santander ferry port

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Itinerary

What the tour includes

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- Ferry travel as detailed in accompanying email
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own restaurant guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included
- + Holiday Extras as detailed above

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Asturias, east and central coast

Lovely seaside villages such as Llanes & Lastres
Dinosaur coast - Jurassic museum near Colunga & fossil footprints on the beaches
Visit Oviedo, the historic Asturian capital & Gijón by the sea
Eat, drink and be merry in a traditional Asturian cider house
The Spanish Cornwall? Beautiful beaches & cliff-top walks
Beautifully preserved pre-roman architecture, from the 8th Century

Historic hotel, near coast

Nestled in the Asturian mountains at the foot of the Sierra del Suevo yet only fifteen minutes' drive away from the beaches and unspoilt fishing villages, Palacio de Libardon offers a perfect rural retreat and at the same time a great base for exploring Asturias. The hotel itself is a fine example of a 'Casona de Indianos', the palaces built by adventurers returning from Latin America, and consists of two main buildings, the main part da...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Costa Lucense, Galicia

Great seafood - famed throughout Spain
Playa de los Catedrales - just one of many fantastic beaches
Viveiro, lively seaside city with an atmospheric old town and lovely beaches
Sargadelos pottery, hand made and traditional but with a modern look
Fiesta! Some of Spain's most traditional, like Rapa das Bestas or Ortiguera Folk, well established the world music circuit

Country hotel, Costa Lucense

In the same family for generations, this delightful house, standing in very well kept grounds, has been beautifully restored and furnished to make a very comfortable country hotel whilst maintaining many original features and artefacts. You will find total peace and quiet here, the hotel being set in deep countryside, yet you're only a short drive away from beautiful beaches, including the famous Playa de las Catedrales. The interesting fis...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Santiago & the interior

Santiago, journey's end, for centuries Europe's Nº 1 pilgrim destination
Take a Catamaran trip down the magnificent Rio Sil
Ribeiro wines from vineyards on the steep river valleys of the Miño and Sil
Ourense, full of surprises, and Monforte de Lemos, both steeped in history
Take a trip around the monasteries of the Ribera Sacra Lugo, a thriving city with Roman walls
Los Ancares nature park, little discovered acres of native woodlands

City hotel with garden

In the heart of the medieval city of Santiago de Compostela, this charming and popular hotel combines traditional architectural features with modern comforts and has the added blessing of a lovely garden, where you can eat breakfast or enjoy an aperitif among the apple and lemon trees. There is also a "cristalera" - a glassed-in verandah - for breakfast and for sitting in, a coffee-shop/bar with old stone fireplace and a small library with an e...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Western Asturias

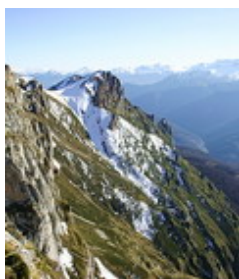
Picturesque fishing villages such as Cudillero & Lluarca
Beaches - world class surf at Tapia, breathtaking Silencio or family fun at San Pedro
National Park of Somiedo - see the wild deer, and bears if you're lucky!
Celtic settlements on the Asturian coast
Head inland to the genuine cowboy country

Coastal hotel in picturesque fishing port

Former fishermen's cottages where the nets were made and repaired, this gem of a hotel, right on the dramatic coastline of Western Asturias, in the picturesque port of Puerto de Vega, was converted with a loving and artistic eye by its owner, Milagros. With a nautical theme throughout and all its stylish, individually decorated bedrooms with sea views, her magic touch has created a museum piece almost, but with every modern comfort and detail ...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Picos de Europa

Let the cable car at Fuente De whisk you up 1800m into the Picos de Europa
Make a pilgrimage to Santo Toribio, at the heart of the Valle de Liébana
Potes, Cangas de Onís and Arriandás historic yet full of life
Local mountain gastronomy - don't miss the local cider and Orujo
Get canoeing on the Rio Sella or Deva, a great day out!
Walk the Ruta del Cares - breathtaking mountain scenery for all abilities
Covadonga, geographical, spiritual and sporting heart of the Picos

Mountain posada with pool

Up in the mountains of the Picos de Europa, this attractive posada is built in traditional style and materials to combine rural charm with modern comforts. Situated in Barrio La Gloria, Pesaguero, a little village twelve kilometres from Potes, in the beautiful Liébana countryside, with views to the high peaks, it is well located for exploring the Picos Mountains, with walks straight from the door or further afield. The posada is centrally located...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Western Coastal Cantabria

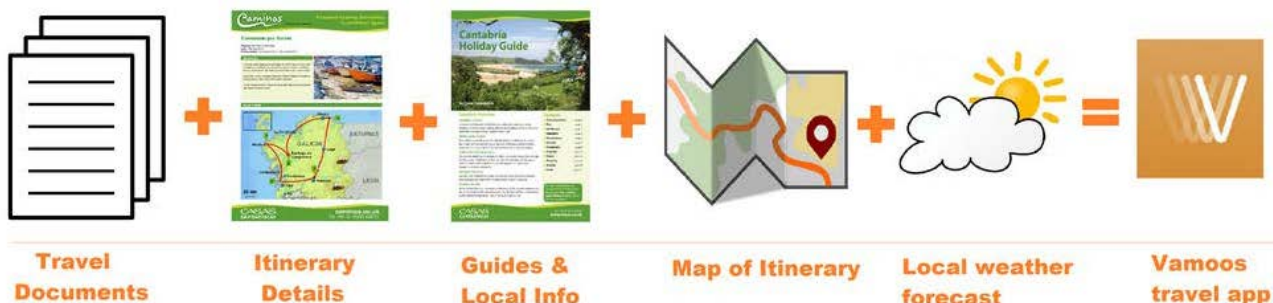
Historic seaside towns of San Vicente de la Barquera, Comillas or Santillana del Mar
Sweeping sandy beaches and craggy protected coves
Unspoilt Carmona, Cabezón, Barcena Mayor in the beautiful valleys
Prehistoric cave paintings at Altamira and magnificent formations in El Soplao - the Cathedral of the cave world
Wonderful walks along the coast or in the rolling hills just inland

Historic town hotel with pool

Just outside the historic village of Santillana del Mar in a peaceful spot, this handsome building is set in attractive gardens, with a terrace and swimming pool, and views over red roofs and green hills. Decorated and furnished in the traditional period style of the region, and family run, it combines elegant simplicity with rustic charm - and with all modern comforts. There is a lounge and breakfast room/bar (Santillana del Mar, about 5...[Read More](#)



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